

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended)** An anti-pilling treating method for protein fiber material comprising the step of subjecting protein fiber to intermolecular cross-linking reaction under weak alkaline conditions in a treating bath comprising a cross-linking agent containing 1 to 8 wt% or over of a pyrimidine compound which is dichloropyrimidine or trichloropyrimidine wherein the pyrimidine ring is optionally substituted with amino.

**Claim 2 (Original)** The anti-pilling treating method for protein fiber material as claimed in claim 1 wherein said pyrimidine compound is one or more selected from the group consisting of 2,4,6-trichloropyrimidine, 2,6-dichloropyrimidine, 2,6-dichloro-4-aminopyrimidine, 4,6-dichloropyrimidine and 2-amino-4,6 dichloropyrimidine.

**Claim 3 (Previously Presented)** The anti-pilling treating method for protein fiber material as claimed in claim 1 wherein said weak alkaline conditions mean that the pH of the treating bath is 8.5-9.9 at the beginning of the reaction and 7.0-7.9 at the end of the reaction.

**Claim 4 (Previously Presented)** The anti-pilling treating method for protein fiber material as claimed in claim 2 wherein said weak alkaline conditions mean that the pH of the treating bath is 8.5-9.9 at the beginning of the reaction and 7.0-7.9 at the end of the reaction.